NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

Weekly Staff Newsletter
March 12, 1999

Let's hear your ideas!

Staff from all parts of the Museum, as well as individuals and representatives from organizations outside the Museum, are invited to submit ideas for programs to be presented by The Field Museum. There will be a "Brainstorm Planning" session to address program ideas for the Fall and Winter quarters on Tuesday, March 23 at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Education Conference Room. Space might be tight, so arrive early or bring a chair.

The deadline to submit program ideas for the 1999 Fall quarter (September, October and November) is April 1. The deadline to submit ideas for the 1999 Winter quarter (December, January and February) is July 1, 1999.

Ideas may be submitted in the following ways:

- Attend the Brainstorm Planning session and share your ideas
- Submit a written proposal to the Education Department
- Call or e-mail **Dina Zissimopoulos** (ext. 658), Chief Program Officer, or **Sue Stott** (ext. 662), Education Events Coordinator, to share your ideas

The Director of Education and other departmental managers and staff will review submitted proposals. Anyone who submits a program idea will be notified about the status of the proposal. The Education Department staff welcomes your ideas and suggestions in planning future events and programs. If you have questions, please call Sue at ext. 662.

Submitted by **Sue Stott**

FIELD NOTES

Week of March 15

Public Events/Special Events

Museum Open Until 8 p.m. Monday

Dinosaurs and More
- Monday

Chicago Ornithological Society
- Monday 6:30 p.m., LH2

2 of Us
- Tuesday 8 a.m., Clrm A

Motorcycle Film Series
- Wednesday 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.

Music Theater Workshop
- Wednesday 5 p.m., LH2
  Thursday & Friday 10 a.m., LH2
  Sunday 1 p.m., LH2

Museology
- Thursday 12:30 p.m., Clrm B

Group Overnight
- Friday 5:45 p.m., entire Museum

Staff/Volunteer Events

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday & Thursday 5 p.m.
  Ground Floor, East Stairwell

Staff Movie Night
- Wednesday 5 p.m., MWH

NEW STAFF MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

The Human Resources Department invites
all new staff members and new
volunteers to attend the Museum's quarterly
NEW STAFF AND VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Wednesday, March 24, 1999
8:45 a.m. – Noon
Classroom A

Join us for coffee and bagels, speakers President **John McCarter** and Project Millennium Director **Bryn Wagner Hanson**, and interesting behind-the-scenes tours in several of the Museum's collections areas. RSVP to the Human Resources Department (ext. 356) by Friday, March 19.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Submitted by the Human Resources Department

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* PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS *

Thursday, March 25
Montgomery Ward Lecture Hall

Last names beginning with A-L
9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
coffee and bagels for all
10 a.m.
Last names beginning with M-Z
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

DON'T MISS IT!

Submitted by **Stephanie Powell**

Items missing from Geology office

The Geology office has been missing two items for several weeks:

- Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th edition, red linen, thumb indexed
- Label maker with alphabetical dial, using 3/8" tape, making 3/16" letters

Were these lent to any staff and remain lodged within your department? If so, please call **Elaine** at ext. 338.

Submitted by **Elaine Zeiger**

$$ FINANCE FORUM $$

Reminder...

Checks are now to be picked up **at the cashier's window by your designated department representative** and not in the Finance Department. The cashier's window is open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. As always, questions about the new procedures can be addressed to **Lisa Wodis** at ext. 542.

MUSEUM CAMPUS CHICAGO NEWS

Thanks to all of you who participated in Adler Week. Approximately 65 participants from The Field, Shedd and Chicago Park District journeyed through the universe via the StarRider show and viewed the new Sky Pavilion. Plans on a Field Week and Shedd Week are underway.

Spring Trolley service is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 through Sunday, April 11. The trolleys will be in operation from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. during the spring service.

The quarterly Museum Campus Information Meetings began this week. The meetings are held for front-line staff of the Adler, Field, Shedd, CPD, Standard Parking and Chicago Trolley to learn about new exhibits at each museum, meet other floor staffs, see the latest exhibits, etc. A Campus Information Manual will be distributed to key departments in the near future. This manual contains answers to questions frequently asked by visitors in the museums as well as visitors who stop at the summer outdoor Museum Campus welcome centers. The manual is updated quarterly and as new exhibits are opened – if you have any frequently asked questions and answers that should be included in the manual, please let us know. The manual, created by our own **Cheryl Giznik**, is a wonderful customer service tool.

All employees are welcome to attend future MCC quarterly meetings – dates and locations will be announced in a future *Natural News*.

Please call the Museum Campus office at ext. 586 or ext. 323 if you have any related questions.

Submitted by **Christina Breslow**

FAN MAIL

Dear **Mr. McCarter**:

I am writing this letter to express how productive my visit was at the Webber Resource Room.

On last Saturday, two of my classmates and myself went to the Webber Resource Room to research casino development on Reservations.

We are senior Social Work majors working on a class presentation called "Native Americans in the 21st Century." We found a wealth of information on the subject, in newspapers published by Native Americans.

Studying the colorful exhibits, prior to going inside the Webber Resource Room, added life and an appreciation for Indian culture and history.

Sincerely,
Stephanie G. Parr
Valparaiso University

Submitted by **John McCarter**

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Field Museum Staff & Volunteers

MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, March 17, 1999
Dinner served at 5 PM
Movie begins at 6 PM

Free Food!
Soda-$1.00
Beer & Wine-$2.00

Presenting: Circle of Friends
Starring: Chris O'Donnell & Minnie Driver

Come & Join the Fun!!